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2013 AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP

CLAUDENA SKRAN

You are an internationally recognized scholar on the tragic state of displaced refugees, with a focus on the country of Sierra Leone. Your work combines careful, thoughtful examination of the issues with a humanitarian concern for the suffering caused by displacement. Your work has been presented in a published book on refugees, several book chapters and published papers, and over 30 conference and professional presentations.

You came to Lawrence in 1990, having earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in International Relations at Oxford University, where you were the holder of a prestigious Rhodes Scholarship. You were promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in 1996 and to Professor in 2011. You have been a U.S. Institute for Peace Faculty Fellow and a Fulbright Scholar to Sierra Leone. Since 2007 you have held the Edwin and Ruth West Chair in Economics and Society.

The strong humanitarian character of your scholarship is reflected in your work with Lawrence students in Sierra Leone, and your sponsorship of community engaged service in the Appleton area, including work with the KidsGive scholarship program. The deep, insightful nature of your scholarly work has been recognized through several invitations to give addresses at professional meetings, your appointment to the editorial board of the Journal of Refugee Studies, and numerous requests for media interviews.

Your scholarship is a powerful demonstration that liberal education can lead to ethical and effective participation in contemporary world issues.

In recognition of your outstanding scholarly contributions, I am extremely pleased to present you with the 2013 Award for Excellence in Scholarship.